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ELIM SUBDISTRICT COMMERCIAL SALMON OPENING

Commercial salmon fishing will reopen at 12:00 noon Tuesday for one 24-hour directed pink salmon opening in Norton Sound Subdistrict 3, the Elim Subdistrict. This period will be from 12:00 noon Tuesday, July 10 to 12:00 noon Wednesday, July 11. Permit holders in Subdistricts 3 and 4 are limited to 100 fathoms of net in aggregate length and mesh size is limited to 4 ½ inches or less to target pink salmon. Elim Subdistrict consists of all marine waters from the mouth of Carson Creek eastward to the tip of Isaac's Point.

Catches from the first 24 hour fishing period in Elim were 300 chum salmon and 5,500 pink salmon by 7 permit holders. This opening will provide some commercial harvest of pink salmon while safeguarding chum salmon from being harvested incidentally in commercial set nets. Incidental chum salmon harvest in the Elim Subdistrict will be evaluated to determine the timing and extent of subsequent commercial periods so that pink salmon harvests can be maximized while conserving chum salmon for subsistence needs and escapement to the Kwiniuk and Tubutulik River drainages.

For any questions regarding fishing please call Fish & Game in Nome at 443-5167 or 1-800-560-2271, or the Unalakleet Fish and Game field office at 624-3921.

Good Luck and Good Fishing.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Nome.